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Subject: New Standards for hazardous waste pharmaceuticals



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Change to the Code of Virginia

Effective July 1, 2019

The 2019 Virginia General Assembly passed [HB2557](#) which classifies **gabapentin** as a **Schedule V** controlled substance as of July 1, 2019. Pursuant to [18VA105-20-47\(B\)](#) of the [Regulations of the Board of Optometry](#), Schedule V drugs are excluded from the list of therapeutic pharmaceutical agents that may be prescribed by a TPA-certified optometrist.

The Board of Optometry is scheduling meetings to begin the regulatory process to consider the addition of appropriate Schedule V drugs to the TPA-Formulary.

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